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SUBJECT: DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION ASSISTANCE

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2053

1. AS RECOMMENDED REFTTEL, ALL ACTION ON RECRUITMENT OF
DRUG ABUSE REHABILITATION ADVISER FOR PEMADAM WILL BE HELD
IN ABEYANCE PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY.

2. RECRUITMENT OF TRAINING TEAM FOR MINISTRY OF WELFARE
SERVICES (MWS) IS ALSO IN ABEYANCE. AWARD OF FY 1978
CONTRACT FOR NIDA'S NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE CENTER FOR TRAIN-
ING AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (NDAC) HAS BEEN DELAYED RE-
PEATEDLY. NIDA NOW ADVISES THAT NEW CONTRACT MAY NOT BE
SIGNED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. THUS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS
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POINT TO DETERMINE WHEN NIDA WOULD BE ABLE TO PLACE A
TRAINING TEAM IN MALAYSIA.

3. AS AN ALTERNATIVE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY, OUR DRAFT
LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GOM COULD BE MODIFIED TO
TRANSFER SUFFICIENT FUNDS SO THAT THE MWS COULD IMPLEMENT
AND ADMINISTER THE TRAINING PROJECT DIRECTLY. A POSSIBLE

DRAWBACK TO THIS PLAN WOULD BE THAT THE MWS MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO RECRUIT A QUALIFIED TRAINING TEAM EXPEDITIOUSLY,

ESPECIALLY IF US CONSULTANTS ARE REQUIRED. FROM A LONG-RANGE PERSPECTIVE, HOWEVER, THIS APPROACH WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO YIELD A TRAINING MODEL THAT COULD BE INTEGRATED SMOOTHLY INTO THE MWS'S ONGOING TRAINING ACTIVITIES. COSTS MIGHT ALSO BE REDUCED (THROUGH THE USE OF TRAINERS FROM HONG KONG, FOR EXAMPLE).

4. IF WE WERE TO HAVE THE MWS IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT DIRECTLY, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE A PROJECT BUDGET AND WORK OUT THE NECESSARY ACCOUNTING AND PROJECT MONITORING PROCEDURES PRIOR TO AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

5. WE ARE ALSO EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A DEMAND REDUCTION TRAINING SUPPORT PROGRAM THROUGH DEPARTMENT CONTRACTING CHANNELS. AT THIS POINT WE DO NOT KNOW HOW SOON THIS CONTRACT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, BUT IT WOULD OFFER ANOTHER IMPLEMENTATION OPTION, ALBEIT PROBABLY NOT BEFORE EARLY FALL.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS DISCUSSED ABOVE. VANCE

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